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PROBABLE SAM SITE (283)  
KY ANH, NORTH VIETNAM  
180408N 1054406E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A PROBABLE NEW SAM SITE (283) NEAR THE MU GIA PASS.

2. LOCATION:

THE SITE IS LOCATED JUST WEST OF ROUTE 15, 23 NM WEST OF KY ANH (UTM WE778977), AND 24 NM NORTH OF THE MU GIA PASS WHICH PASSES THROUGH THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER.

3. REMARKS:

THIS SAM SITE IS APPROXIMATELY 22 NM NORTH OF AN AREA ALONG ROUTE 15, THAT HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY STRUCK BY B-52'S.

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE NEW SITE TO CONSIST OF THREE UNOCCUPIED, UNREVIEWED LAUNCH POSITIONS AND AN UNOCCUPIED PARTIALLY REVIEWED GUIDANCE AREA.

5. COLLATERAL:

ACCORDING TO A RECENT DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN, SITE 283, IF OCCUPIED, WOULD EXTEND THE KNOWN SAM ENVELOPE 13 MILES SOUTH OF ITS PRESENT  
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LIMIT.

THE SAM SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST MACH 2 TARGETS AT RANGES BETWEEN FIVE AND 22 NAUTICAL MILES (17 NM RADIUS SHOWN ON GRAPHIC),

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AT ALTITUDES BETWEEN 3,000 AND 85,000 FEET; AND IT SHOULD HAVE SOME CAPABILITY AGAINST SLOWER TARGETS, DOWN TO 1,500 FEET AND UP TO 100,000 FEET. IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE SA-2 HAS BEEN INEFFECTIVE IN VIETNAM, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT THE MISSILE SYSTEM WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO ENGAGE AND DESTROY NON-MANEUVERING BOMBER TARGETS; AND THAT THE MISSILE IS ONLY EFFECTIVE WITHIN A DEFINITE, LIMITED VOLUME OF SPACE WHICH SURROUNDS THE MISSILE SITE.

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